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TROPICAL DRY FOREST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 75% of India's forest are tropical dry forest;

(b) if so, whether the fire, grazing weed, infection and encroachment continue to create problems for sustainable forest development in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) As per the information provided by Forest Survey of India, Dehradun, area of tropical dry forests is 35.6% of the total forest cover of the country.

(b) It is a fact that forest fires, grazing, weed, infestation by pests and diseases and encroachments do adversely affect the sustainable forest management.

(c) Under the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Forest Protection Scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States/UTs to take up effective measures for protection and management of existing forests. In addition, various State/UTs Governments also take up protection measures under the respective schemes of the State/UT plan.